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Northville clerk, trustee switch official positions

Cynthia Jankowski was officially sworn into her new office as Northville Township Clerk March 16. Judge James Plakas of the 35th District Court administered the oath of office to Jankowski just before the regular meeting of the board of trustees.

"I accept this role with pride," Jankowski said. "It's an exciting time to help Northville Township and our residents. I'm here to ensure that our elections are safe and secure. Every vote truly counts," Jankowski said.

Jankowski accepted the appointment to the full-time position when former Township Clerk Roger Lundberg submitted his resignation during the February board of trustees meeting. As provided in state law, board trustees selected Jankowski, who was serving as a trustee, as Lundberg's replacement. The appointment process allows the township to avoid the cost of a special election, township officials said.

Lundberg submitted his resignation effective March 16 noting that he wanted to spend more time with his family. He said he did, however, want to continue to serve the township. Board members responded by appointing him to fill the term vacated by Jankowski as she became clerk.

Both Jankowski and Lundberg were elected to the board of trustees in November of 2020.

"Having the same faces on our board respects the wishes of voters from the 2020 election," said Township Supervisor Mark J. Abbo. "We're a terrific team and staying together means we can continue to tackle the vision we set forth in 2020."

Lundberg was sworn into office as a trustee during the same meeting along with Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson, who retained her title.

As a member of the board, Jankowski represented the Senior Advisory Commission and the Northville Youth Network Commission.

Prior to joining the board, she spent nine years on the Northville Board of Education. She had three terms as president, and also served as board secretary, treasurer, trustee and vice president. While on the school board, she served as a liaison to the Landfill Working Group. She also is a member of the Northville Historical Society.

Jankowski has had careers in both Michigan and California as a real estate leasing coordinator and a 30-year paralegal.

Judge James Plakas of the 35th District Court administered the oath of office to Northville Township Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson and new Township Clerk Cynthia Jankowski.

Judge James Plakas of the 35th District Court administered the oath of office to former clerk and new board of trustees member Roger Lundberg.

Jankowski received her associate degree in accounting from Tiffin University in Ohio and her ABA-approved paralegal certificate from Rancho Santiago College in California.

"I'm looking forward to working with great folks and tackling challenges as a team," Jankowski added.

Sounds of success

Student radio station named as Audio Station of the Year

The Plymouth Canton student radio station, 88.1 The Park, was named as 2023 High School Audio Station of the Year last week during the Great Lakes Media Show in Lansing.

This is the sixth consecutive year the student operated station has received the award. WSDP has been recognized as the High School Station of the Year 12 times since 2001.

Students at 88.1 The Park celebrate their win as Audio Station of the Year along with 16 other awards the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools radio station was awarded.

The student staff also received 16 of the 29 individual awards in the high school audio competition. This included sweeping the On Air Personality of Team and Sports Play-by-Play categories. The students also received seven First Place awards.

Student Awards include:
Current Event Story
First Place - Anuya Shetty (Canton junior)
Second Place - Emma Johnston (Plymouth 2022 graduate)
Daily Newscast/News Feature
First Place - Anuya Shetty (Canton junior), Avneet Pandher (Salem junior) and Leo Popp (Salem sophomore)
On Air Personality or Team
First Place - Anuya Shetty

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Local disposal of train wreck toxic waste criticized by county

Romulus officials received another vote of support in their protest of the toxic waste from the Feb. 3 train derailment in New Palestine, Ohio being sent to their city for disposal.

Last week, Wayne County Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution opposing any further transport of toxic waste to sites within the county, supporting new dialogue between the county, state and federal agencies and strengthening laws regarding transport of toxic waste by rail, according to a prepared statement from the commissioners.

"We understand there is a need to dispose of this waste, but Wayne County is the most populous county in the state and it is bordered by our nation's largest fresh water supply," commission Chair Alisha Bell (D-Detroit) said. "There are other less populated and less environmentally sensitive areas where waste can be shipped."

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The resolution was presented by Bell and Commissioners Tim Killen and Monique Baker McCormick.

The resolution came in protest of the transport of toxic waste from the Ohio train derailment to sites in Romulus and Van Buren Township without prior notice to county, state and local officials.

Some 219,000 gallons of diluted toxic waste fluid was transported to a deep injection well site in Romulus while a site in Van Buren Township has been authorized by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) and the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to receive solid waste from the derailment, including contaminated soil.

Waste shipped to the county included vinyl chloride, a known cancer-causing agent, the commission statement said.

The resolution calls on EGLE and the EPA to provide, "immediate advance notice of and to engage in open discussion regarding the transport through and/or disposal of toxic waste in Wayne County with the public officials and institutions established to protect the local community and residents."

It also supports Wayne

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Canton - Sumpter

Retirements, promotions at Sumpter police announced

Det. Lt. John Toth

Sgt. James Cayce.

The guard is changing at the Sumpter Township Police Department with the retirement of two veteran officers and promotion of two others to the rank of sergeant.

Detective Lt. John Toth has retired from the force. Toth joined the Sumpter Township department in 2000 after serving on the City of Belleville Police Department for several years. During his tenure with Sumpter, Toth was promoted to corporal in 2014, sergeant in 2017, and lieutenant in 2021. He has as the department lead detective since approximately 2010, leading successful investigations and subsequent convictions in the highest-profile cases in the department's 69-year history.

'John's attention to detail and intimate understanding of human nature is top-notch. His professionalism, integrity, dedication, and dogged pursuit of justice for victims, especially those who can no longer speak for themselves, are exceptional," said Public Safety Director and Police Chief Eric Luke.

Also retiring from the department is Sgt. James Cayce.

Cayce began his law enforcement career with Sumpter in 1997. During his time with the township, he has served assignments as the department lead firearms instructor, armorer, and Taser instructor. Cayce has held the rank of sergeant assigned to road patrol since 2017, "serving with integrity, dedication, and professionalism. He will be fondly remembered for his positive attitude and easygoing personality," Luke said.

Two Sumpter officers, George Salajan and Bart Devos, have been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Detective/ Sgt. Salajan has been with the department since 2013, and has been assigned to the detective bureau for three years. Devos has been with the Sumpter Police since 2017, after serving the City of Roswell, NM, for the first nine years of his career. He is currently assigned to patrol.

"We look forward to their growth in the new role and their continued dedication, professionalism, and excellent work for the department and the community we serve," Luke said.

Canton landlord facing sex harassment charges

Federal officials have charged a 50-year-old Canton Township man with sexual harassment of multiple women who either lived in or were seeking to rent one of 26-rental properties he owned.

Mohamad "Moe" Hussein is charged with making unwanted sexual comments and advances toward women tenants in a lawsuit filed last week in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. The federal lawsuit alleges that Hussein continued the alleged sexual aggression from 2017 until 2020. Prosecutors allege that Hussein demanded women send him sexual images or engage in sex acts as a condition of renting one of his homes. The lawsuit claims that Hussein offered to reduce rental fees, pay utility bills or reduce security deposits in exchange for sex acts. It is also alleged he sent graphic sexual images of himself to women.

Prosecutors claim Hussein solicited sex acts in March of 2020 from a 19-year-old attempting to rent a Dearborn Heights home with her father. Following the text messages suggesting sex acts, the woman and her father stopped further contact with Hussein regarding renting the home, according to the court filings.

"No one should be denied the right to housing because they refuse to submit to a landlord's sexual demands," stated Justice Department Civil Rights Division Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke. "The Justice Department is committed to vigorously enforcing the Fair Housing Act and seeking justice for those sexually harassed by landlords and other housing providers."

Federal officials suggested that any other victims of sexual harassment or other housing discrimination by Hussein contact them at 1-833-591-0291 or contact the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan at (313) 226-9151, or by email at usamie.civilrights@usdoj.gov.

Proposals for theater art exhibits now being accepted

Proposals are now being accepted for solo or group exhibitions during the 2024 exhibition season at The Gallery at Cherry Hill. Submissions from both local and regional artists and all mediums will be accepted until April 7.

Artists can now apply online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org/418 for a solo or group exhibition. Submissions must include: artist's statement; no more than nine high-quality JPEG digital images; list of representative images submitted; document artwork including the artist's name, title, medium, dimensions, and completion date of the work and a current resume/biography. All questions regarding the Gallery at Cherry Hill 'Call for Artists' for the 2024 season can be emailed to Elli Fassois at elli.fassois@cantonmi.gov.

Artists are ineligible to apply if they have had a solo exhibition at the Gallery at Cherry Hill within the last five years. Participation in group/collaborative shows does not disqualify entrants. For more information, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org/418.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill exhibition committee comprising local artists and art educators, will determine the final 2024 exhibition season schedule.

The Gallery at Cherry Hill, located in The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, is free and open to the public. Current gallery hours are 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and from 4 until 8 p.m Thursday and Friday and during all public performances.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI, 49187. For more information on the current or 2024 exhibition seasons, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734/394-5300.

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:45 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for the MSU shooting victims.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: LaPorte, Oddy, and Rush. Trustee Morgan excused. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, Finance Director Holtz, and 6 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Agenda with the following amendments:
Amend: Item E to say fact-finding committee and committee members are: T. Rush, B. Patterson, A Burdick, and V. Warren.
Roll Call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment/Open Floor: One (1) attendee spoke.

5. Minutes: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve/accept the Special Board Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2023; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2023, and Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve warrants totaling $1,214,817.79. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Patterson supported by Oddy to accept the Supervisor's report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to accept the Attorney's report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to accept the Police/Ordinance report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to receive and file the Building report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson to accept the Fire report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response: Trustee Rush reported that Storm Ready paperwork is being handled. Trustee LaPorte thanked the fire department for their work last month. 106 runs is a lot for January. Thanked all first responders.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to purchase one (1) Ford Interceptor Utility from Gorno Ford under the state bid price of $50,407. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson to approve the Command Officers' Association (COAM) agreement dated October 1, 2022, through March 31, 2026. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the hiring of Kevin Gibson as a full-time police officer, at the 2nd year pay rate, contingent upon his passing the required physical, psychological, and drug testing. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to replace pump station exit lines located and Sumpter & Willis Roads by Lawrence M. Clarke, Inc. for the total cost of $24,500.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Patterson, Rush, and Oddy. Nay: LaPorte. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to assign a fact-finding committee, made up of Rush, Patterson, Burdick, and V. Warren to review the WCA assessing the proposal for Sumpter Township sketching. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay None. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: None

15. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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Sumpter Township
Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Morgan, Oddy, and Rush. Excused: Trustee LaPorte. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, Water Superintendent Danci and 9 attendees.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to open the public hearing for public input regarding the Sumpter Township 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Chris Nordstrom from CWA went over the Master Plan. This is his second time doing Sumpter plan. This is a guideline for park and recreation development. Adopting a plan makes the township eligible for grants. A survey was available on the township website and only a few responses were received. Some of the interests were: continued maintenance, appealable for young and old, trail development, and preserving natural resources.

Two residents spoke with concerns about non-residents using the park. One resident thought the plan was bad and not complete enough.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to close the public hearing for the Sumpter Township 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Agenda: Motion by Patterson, supported by Morgan to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment: Three (3) attendees spoke. Attorney Young spoke to set the record straight on a resident's wrong comments.

5. Minutes: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve warrants totaling $1,876,043.06. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7-11. Reports. Motion by Bowman, supported by Oddy to receive and file all reports, unless someone needed to speak. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12.Board Response: None.

13.New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to direct Trustee Rush and Public Safety Director Luke to re-certify Sumpter Township as a Storm Ready community with the National Weather Service. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to name the Township Manager and the Finance Director as authorized signatories for MERS contracts and service credit purchase approvals. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to assign the water billing clerk to the DPW Director effective January 25, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Patterson, Oddy, and Rush. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the 3rd quarter budget amendments. Update provided by S. Holtz. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to set a public hearing on February 28, 2023, at 6:00 pm to review the 2023/2024 budget. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the FTA Drug and Alcohol Testing Protocol and Policy as recommended by the HR committee. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson to adopt the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2023-2027. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: None.

15. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 7:12 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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PLYMOUTH - CANTON

School district planning multiple safety upgrades

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Monica Merritt recently reassured parents of the safety measures in place at all district buildings. She said the district continues to make significant investments in a wide range of security measures on campus, including call boxes and enhanced protections at building entrances.

"At Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, we are laser focused on the importance of helping ensure all students, teachers, staff and visitors are safe, and that means using resources innovatively, creatively and efficiently," Merritt said. "From our community partners and elected leaders to our board of education and teachers, staff, administrators and families, all of us at P-CCS have wrapped our arms around the goal of keeping our students and staff safe."

That commitment and district efforts recently received a boost when the Michigan School Aid Fund for 2023 included a $1.8-million allocation for security and safety. With 16,252 students at the time the 2023 funds were allocated, the approximately $109-per-student amount represents some of the most significant recent funding for safety and security in a Michigan school district, Merritt noted in a prepared statement.

> *Thanks to these new state funds, P-CCS can enhance and expand our security coverage using technology that is discreet and unobtrusive.*

The state funding must be used for infrastructure and operations. In Plymouth Canton, the funds will be invested in cutting-edge technology and implement new operations for each of the 25 buildings spread across the sprawling 60.5-square-mile district, explained Director of School Safety and Security Josh Meier.

"Our No. 1 priority is to help ensure every student is safe while they're at school, in a place that is both welcoming and secure at the same time," Meier said. "With these funds - and the leadership of Superintendent Merritt and the board of education -- we're going to enhance our security coverage in ways that can keep our students and staff safe while preserving our schools' nurturing learning environment."

The state funds will be used for a wide range of new equipment and enhancements, including emergency call boxes for the area around Salem, Plymouth and Canton high schools; enhanced security measures at building entrances; protective glass; improved public address systems and mass notification capabilities; visitor and emergency management software and two-way radio and communications equipment upgrades.

The new equipment will enhance the capabilities of the district on-site central command center, a rarity on school district campuses, officials added. Installed in 2021 following a voter-approved bond proposal, the command center allows district security professionals to see and hear activity in any school building in real time during a safety or medical emergency. They can then coordinate with law enforcement for quicker, more precise responses, Meier explained.

"With our command center and integrated security operation, law enforcement or medical personnel aren't walking into a situation blind," Meier said. "At P-CCS, we provide eyes and ears, in real time, and direct first responders to an exact location in a building so we can act in a timely manner, whatever the emergency."

Other safety enhancements that have been deployed at district schools include the recent "hiring" of Echo, a K-9 dog trained to detect firearms and explosives and provide comfort to students, teachers and staff. Echo's training comes from a $13,000 donation from Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth as part of an ongoing community effort to help boost safety at Plymouth-Canton schools.

The district security and safety measures are the result of close collaboration with law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal levels, Merritt said. In addition to long-standing partnerships with the City of Plymouth, Canton Township and Plymouth Township police departments, district officials also work with outside agencies such as the Michigan State Police and the FBI. A recent third-party independent audit of the Plymouth-Canton district security upgrades resulted in a highly positive review, noting the district demonstrates many best practices in safety and security.

"Thanks to these new state funds, P-CCS can enhance and expand our security coverage using technology that is discreet and unobtrusive," said P-CCS Board of Education Vice President Lauren Christenson. "Through responsible financial stewardship of the 2020 voter-approved bond, P-CCS is making critical investments in safety and security measures that protect our students, staff and families. The allocation of an additional $1.8 million in Michigan's School Aid Fund for security enhancements will help us continue to build on the positive steps we're taking as a district to create a safe and welcoming place for students to learn and thrive."

Radio

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(Canton junior) and Avneet Pandher (Salem junior)

Second Place - Emma Johnston (Plymouth 2022 graduate)

Honorable Mention - Ariel Ooms (Plymouth senior)

Promotional Announcement

Second Place - Daniel Schoenherr (Salem 2022 graduate) and Emma Johnson (Plymouth 2022 graduate)

Honorable Mention - Ariel Ooms (Plymouth senior)

Public Service Announcement

First Place - Simon Oszust (Plymouth senior) and Nadia Halim (Plymouth junior)

Second Place - Simon Oszust (Plymouth senior)

Public Service Announcement OK2SAY

First Place - Nadia Halim (Plymouth junior), Nathaniel Behrens (Plymouth sophomore) and Akshayapriya Saravanan (Plymouth junior)

Sports Public Service Announcement

Second Place - Simon Oszust (Plymouth senior), Mady Bajorek (Salem senior) and Ariel Ooms (Plymouth senior)

Sports Announcing Team

First Place - Andy McLaren (Plymouth junior) and Leo Popp (Salem sophomore)

Second Place - Andy McLaren (Plymouth junior) and Brody Klein (Plymouth junior)

Honorable Mention - Ben Vertin (Plymouth 2022 graduate) and Andy McLaren (Plymouth junior)

Use of Social Media

First Place - Mady Bajorek (Salem senior), Alia Mulbagal (Salem junior) and Simon Oszust (Plymouth senior).

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Northville

Historical Society awarded $95,000 state grant

The Northville Historical Society has been awarded a $95,000 state grant to fund improvements at Mill Race Village.

City officials collaborated with representatives of the Northville Historical Society to pursue the funding through the SEMCOG (South East Michigan Council of Governments) Stormwater Improvements Grant Program. The Northville Historical Society was awarded the funding to support the installation of a pervious paver drive lane and walkways, as well as the addition of two rain gardens, at Mill Race Village in 2024.

Northville Historical Society Board President Bill Stockhausen worked with River Restoration Task Force Chair Nancy Darga and city consultant Nate Geinzer to secure the grant. Engineering plans have been completed by Fleis & Vandenbrink. Bidding procedures for project construction are being prepared and construction is expected to take place in summer 2024.

> *The grant funds will help mitigate the stormwater runoff of this large project.*

Currently the lane is dirt and gravel, which adds historic authenticity to the village but also is muddy for pedestrians following rain or snow, officials said. The bigger problem is the excess stormwater runoff that flows into the nearby Middle Rouge River, they added. The grant funds will help mitigate the stormwater runoff of this large project.

The main lane that traverses the village will be paved with pervious pavers, beginning at the entrance gate and extending to the front of the Yerkes house. An inground drainage system will be installed on either side of the lane and will feed into two new rain gardens. The rain gardens are expected to capture rainfall events with any excess being filtered and directed, through drainage pipes, to the Middle Rouge River. The far lower rate of stormwater runoff estimated at about 350,000 gallons per year, will keep the river cleaner and help prevent flooding in the historic buildings, officials said.

In the running

Former Northville resident makes team on 'The Voice'

Former Northville resident Chloe Abbott is making waves on the 23rd season of "The Voice" after securing a spot on Team Chance with her rendition of "How Deep is Your Love" by The BeeGees. While Abbott, 24, has long had a passion for singing, she has also excelled as a track and field athlete, running full-time in middle school and even qualifying to compete in the 2020 Olympic trials.

Her athletic pursuits didn't stop her from auditioning for school musical productions, she said.

Despite falling short of making the Olympic team, Abbott, a former University of Kentucky track All-American, said she remains focused on her goal of making the 2024 team. She is currently training with a coach in Los Angeles for a career as a professional athlete. Her ultimate goal is to break 49 seconds in the 400 dash, and she believes that "overlapping" World Championship and Olympic years will help her achieve that goal.

Abbott's family was ecstatic when she received a chair turn from Chance The Rapper on The Voice. The celebrity rap star said he was impressed by her tremendous breath control and great vocal runs throughout her performance. Fellow coaches Kelly Clarkson, Niall, and Blake also complimented Abbot's audition vocals, but it was Chance who ultimately welcomed her onto his team.

Former Northville resident Chloe Abbott won a spot on season 23 of The Voice. Abbot, currently training for the 2024 Olympic track team, joined Team Chance by singing "How Deep is Your Love," by The BeeGees.

New fire lieutenant named

Northville Township Firefighter/Paramedic Kyle Lewis was promoted to the rank of lieutenant last week.

Lewis joined the department in 2013 and continues to serve the community with the highest level of commitment and professionalism, officials said. Lewis earned a bachelor of science degree from Siena Heights University and a master of science degree in organizational leadership from Columbia Southern University. He also holds a psychology of leadership certificate from Cornell University.

Lewis has held a filled a variety of roles during his tenure with the department, including recruitment and retention, mentoring, the probationary firefighter training program, new station committee, turnout gear evaluation and others. He currently serves as the president of IAFF Local 3961, as well as secretary of the Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund. Lewis was also recently selected as a peer reviewer for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant process and as a board member for the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS).

Lt. Kyle Lewis

State of Community luncheon set

The annual State of the Community Luncheon in Northville is set to begin at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 19 at Schoolcraft College Vistatech Center.

Featured speakers will be City of Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull, Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo and Dr. RJ Webber, superintendent of Northville Public Schools. The annual event is organized by the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

Registrations will be accepted until April 12. Fees for the luncheon are $45 per person for chamber members and $50 per person for non-chamber members.

VistaTech is located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia.

To register or for more information contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce (248) 349-7640.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023
6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2023 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

1. Application 1653, 78-051-04-0121-000, 9094 Woodgrove, R-1-H zoning district, requesting one variance to construct a (12' x 13') sunroom that would reduce the rear yard setback to twenty-nine (29') feet whereas fifty (50') feet is required. *Variance requested is twenty-one (21') feet of rear yard setback.*

2. Application 1654, 78-008-01-003-000, 47659 Halyard, TAR zoning district, requesting three variances to construct a (19' x 70') loading dock within the required 25' (Twenty-five foot) side yard setback, with loading dock doors in the front of the building, and no screening from road views:
   1. To construct a loading dock within the 25' side yard setback, *variance requested to allow a zero-foot side yard setback whereas 25' is required.*
   2. To allow the loading dock doors to be on the front of the building, whereas loading dock doors are not allowed on the front of the building, *variance requested to allow loading dock door on the front of the building.*
   3. To allow no screening whereas screening is required from any road view, *variance requested is to allow loading dock area with no screening*

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.
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Sumpter Township
Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Morgan, Oddy, and Rush. Clerk Hurst and Trustee LaPorte excused. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Township Manager Burdick

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Agenda. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment: None.

5. New Business:

   A. Motion by Rush, supported by Bowman to accept an offer of $65,000 cash, with no contingencies on Parcel #81-016-99-0014-715, 9.32 acres on Sumpter Road and direct the Township Attorney to draw up the purchase agreement. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Patterson, Rush. Nay: Morgan, Oddy. Motion carried.

6. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 6:11 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk _____ Date _____

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor _____ Date _____

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(1C3EL46X24N212792)
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(1J8FT28W48D783861)
2020 CHEVROLET
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2007 FORD
(1FAHP24157G146737)
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2014 CHEVROLET
(1G1PH5SB5E7208899)
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2018 DODGE
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2003 CHEVROLET
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2016 CHEVROLET
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2009 KIA
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2016 CHEVROLET
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2007 FORD
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2019 CHEVROLET
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2008 CADILLAC
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Hometown heroes

Safety foundation to host Firefighter Appreciation Ceremony

Hometown heroes in the city of Romulus will be honored during a special ceremony next month.

A Firefighter Appreciation Ceremony is planned at the Romulus Athletic Center to recognize new additions to the fire department as well as the Firefighter of the Year and the Paramedic of the Year. The Life Saving Award and Chief's Medal will also be presented during the event, hosted by the Romulus Public Safety Foundation.

"This year's appreciation ceremony is unique in so many ways. This is the first year that the Romulus Public Safety Foundation will be hosting the event. Our newly appointed Deputy Chief Ken Chapman will carry on the tradition of the ceremony," said Kevin Krause, director of Community Safety & Development.

"The Romulus Fire Department Firefighter Appreciation Ceremony presents a great opportunity to acknowledge the men and women who serve this community as your first responders. Each of these dedicated individuals contribute to the core values and mission of the department. And I am looking forward to recognizing their contributions at the Appreciation Ceremony," said Chapman.

> *This year's appreciation ceremony is unique in so many ways.*

Chapman, who was a paid-on-call firefighter in the city in 1987 under former Fire Chief William Greenslait, was recently named to his new rank in the department.

The appreciation ceremony is planned for 5 until 7 p.m. April 21 in the Cirrus Banquet Room at Romulus Athletic Center, located at 35765 Northline Road in Romulus.

For more information about the ceremony, contact the Romulus Fire Department at (734) 941-8585.

Firefighters with the City of Romulus Fire Department are trained and certified by the State of Michigan and are on always on duty, prepared for emergencies involving fire, extrication, severe weather, rescues, hazardous material and other dangerous situations, a spokesman noted.

For more information about the Romulus Public Safety Foundation, visit RomPSF on Facebook or www.romuluspsf.square.site.

Cemetery clean-up planned

The annual maintenance at a treasured historical landmark in Romulus will take place this spring.

Members of the Cemetery Board of Trustees recently reminded residents that any items left on gravesites not in compliance with cemetery rules and regulations will be removed during the regular cleaning of the grounds. While no exact date for the annual cleanup has been announced, as weather is a factor, residents are urged to remove items left at graves. Items removed during the cleanup will be stored for 60 days and then discarded.

Those prohibited items include holiday decorations, yard ornaments, wind chimes, lanterns, solar lights, picket fences and shepherds hooks, among others.

For a complete copy of the Romulus Cemetery Rules and Regulations, contact the office of the city clerk at (734) 942-7540 or visit the city website.

Read on

The Wayne Rotary Club helped mark Reading Month with a $5,000 check to help support literacy throughout the community. Wayne Rotary Club President Carol Bevard, at right, presented a $5,000 check to Wayne Public Library Director Jody Wolak last week. The funds will be used to support literacy programs at the library. Every March is celebrated as National Reading Month to help promote reading in schools. March was designated as it is the month beloved children's author Dr. Seuss was born.

County

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County Executive Warren C. Evans' efforts to have open dialogue on both agencies on issues regarding toxic waste transport within the county.

In addition, it supports Michigan Senate Bill 100, introduced by state Sen. Erika Geiss, that would require freight hauling railroad companies to maintain crews of at least two individuals.

The resolution is being sent to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's office as well as to those of EGLE, the EPA, the Michigan Department of Transportation and National Transportation Safety Board, as well as other officials and agencies.

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:31 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Morgan, Oddy, and Rush. Trustee LaPorte excused. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, Finance Director Holtz, and 9 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Agenda with the following addition:
Add Item H. Consider approval to assign the part-time treasury department employee, Ashley Harris to the full-time combined position of treasury department clerk's office assistant at 29 hours or less per week and finance department accounts payable clerk, at the balance of weekly hours available, totaling all hours worked of 40 hours per week, with appropriate AFSCME benefits and wage of $25.43 effective January 9, 2023.
Roll Call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment/Open Floor: Three (3) attendees spoke.

5. Minutes:
A Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson to approve the regular board meeting minutes of December 13, 2022. Trustee Oddy questioned a unanimous vote on Holtz contract extension, Trustee Morgan verified her vote. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the special board meeting minutes of December 19, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve warrants totaling $847,140.62. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7,8,9,10,11,12. Motion by Bowman, supported by Rush to receive and file all reports. Public Safety Director Luke informed the board of applying for a grant through WAMAA of $202,000 with the township paying a 10% match. This would be used for turnout gear for the fire department. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

13. Board Response: None.

14. New Business:

A. Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy to approve a six-month medical leave for firefighter Don LaPorte beginning January 5, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the annual MedMutual Life/ AD&D policy renewal package, effective January 1, 2023, proposed by Burnham & Flower with the following changes: remove class 3, change class 1 to $60,000 and include AFSCME in class 5. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the annual Delta Dental renewal benefits package, effective February 1, 2023, proposed by Burnham & Flower. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve the annual small group renewal benefits package effective February 1, 2023, proposed by Burnham & Flower at a total premium cost of $468,611.88. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve the Township Manager Burdick to attend the MTA conference April 17th-20th, 2023 at a total cost not to exceed $1,850.00. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson to approve a modification to the MERS 457 plan agreements allowing the Township to elect to participate in contributions to employee accounts, as approved by the Board of Trustees. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

G .Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to set a public hearing for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan on January 24, 202 at 6:00 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve assigning the part-time treasury department employee, Ashley Harris to the full-time combined position of treasury department clerk's office assistant, at 29 hours or less per week and finance department accounts payable clerk, at the balance of weekly hours available, totaling all hours worked of 40 hours per week, with the appropriate AFSCME benefits and wage of $25.43 effective January 9, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

15. Announcements: None.

16. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:41 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: LaPorte, Morgan, Oddy, and Rush. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, water superintendent Danci, Township Manager Burdick and 4 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the Agenda.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment: One (1) attendee spoke; commending Attorney Young on his 34 years of service to the community.

5. Minutes: Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2022.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve warrants totaling $144,993.62.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7-11. Reports. Motion by Bowman, supported by Oddy to receive and file all reports. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response: Rush gave an update on the CWW meeting held on December 9, 2022, with the forestry division. LaPorte thanked Attorney Young, Oddy wanted to recognize Belleville Football Team for winning the State Championship for a second time, Oddy once again corrected the misinformation that was printed in the local paper.
Should have been a 5-2 vote not a 6-1 vote as printed. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to put a cell phone video of the CWW meeting on the township website. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve paying all warrants through December 31, 2022, with a copy going to the board. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to award the township hall HVAC system cleaning to DUCTZ for a total cost of $6,960 to be scheduled during January 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to renew the TownWeb website and its full support, maintenance, and hosting for 3 years at a cost of $3,108 per year. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to close the township hall, on December 15, 2022, from Noon to 1:30 pm for an employee holiday luncheon. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve a final payout of all unused, remaining benefits bank time for Roxanne Bardell in the total amount of $6,070.50 for vacation and for PTO, regrettably due to her separation of employment as of December 1, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Patterson, Oddy, LaPorte and Rush. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve Resolution 2022-13 for annual exemption from Contribution Act 152 of 211 as the Township meets the provision for exemption as provided in the Act. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the 3-year employment agreement amendment for Finance Director Scott Holtz effective February 1, 2023, with a 4% base salary increase for agreement year(s), 2024 and 2025; with no opt-out medical reimbursement. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

I. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Township Manager, Attorney, and Finance Director to research, take appropriate administrative actions, submit formal applications, and pursue appropriate grant(s) funding for any and all board-approved strategic initiatives and projects. Each grant is to receive board approval prior to township commitments to grant and terms. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

J. Motion by Rush, supported by Bowman to accept the final purchase offer for 9.32 acres on Sumpter Road, parcel #81-016-99-0014-715 at $65,000.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, LaPorte, Patterson. Nay: Oddy, Morgan, Hurst. LaPorte abstained. Motion failed.

K. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson for bidders for parcel #81-016-99-0014- 715 to submit a sealed BID to the real estate agent to be delivered to the Township Clerk's office by 4:30 pm, Monday, December 19, 2022. SEALED BID is to be price and contingencies only. Sumpter Township will do the purchase agreement. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Patterson, Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.

L. Motion by Bowman, supported by Rush to call a special board meeting on December 19, 2022, at 6:00 pm to read bids on parcel #81-016-99-0014-715. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Patterson, Oddy, LaPorte and Rush. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: Supervisor Bowman stated that Forgotten Harvest will not be on- site on December 26, 2022, due to the holiday. The township hall is closed from December 23, 2022, through January 2, 2023. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Resident M. Ban stated that the senior Christmas celebration is on December 19, 2,022 2:00-4:00 pm.

15. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:32 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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Inkster - Westland

Students' Acts of Kindness recognized by council

Members of the Westland City Council officially recognized the three winners of Random Acts of Kindness awards this month.

The program is a partnership between members of the Westland Compassionate City Committee and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. The three winners this month were Emily DeLane of Adams Middle School, Monique Oliver, also from Adams Middle School, and Naomi Dugger of Stevenson Middle School.

City officials, teachers and family members were on hand for the March presentation of awards to students who demonstrated Random Acts of Kindness in the Wayne-Westland schools. Winners this month were Emily DeLane, Monique Oliver and Naomi Dugger.

DeLane was selected for her attention and interaction with special education students at Adams Middle School. DeLane spends her lunch hour with the students every day and handmade each of the students a backpack with their names.

Oliver was nominated by teacher Simone Argue and the Peer to Peer students at Adams Middle School. She is being recognized for her compassion, kindness, and leadership while working with students. Her teacher said students in the Peer to Peer Program adore Oliver. The Peer to Peer Program pairs students with a differently abled student to encourage understanding and friendship.

Dugger was cited as a model student and is noted for going out of her way to help other students, according to her nomination. She eats breakfast with students who would otherwise be alone. Her kindness and respect for others is amazing and we can hope others will follow her lead, her nomination form noted. She is also a student in the "Students who Need a Pal" class at Stevenson.

Arresting visit

Inkster police officers Megan Summers and J. Wilder paid a special visit to Hicks Elementary School recently and brought along official police "badges" and special stickers for excited students. Teachers and officers said the students welcomed the visit and the interaction with Inkster police. Hicks Elementary School is part of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district.

Leaf pick-up program to resume

Westland residents are welcoming the return of a popular city service beginning next fall.

Members of the city council and Mayor Michael P. Londeau have approved the reinstatement of the Curbside Leaf Pickup Program which was eliminated several years ago due to budget cuts and the cost of the service.

In a prepared statement, officials said city residents who currently have curbside trash pickup will also receive leaf pickup service at no additional cost. This fall, residents can rake leaves into the street for pickup and removal. Leaves can also be bagged for pickup on resident's regular trash pick up day. Londeau said the reinstatement of the program was in response to multiple requests from residents who continually asked for the return of the service.

Reinstatement of the Leaf Pickup Program will be funded by savings realized from the renegotiated contract with the city landfill provider, officials said.

As arrangements for the program are finalized, feedback and input from residents is an important component of the successful implementation of the service, officials noted. There is a brief survey on the city website to allow residents to provide opinions and suggestions about the program.

Officials urged residents to complete the survey at www.cityofwestland.com/CivicAlerts.

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